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APPLICANT: BENEDITO DA SILVA, ET AL.

TITLE: NEW UTILIZATION OF ALPHA-HIDROXY-PROPIONIC ACID IN  
MEDICINE

OUR REF: TIN-0017

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please  
preliminary amend the specification and claims as follows:

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Before the first paragraph on the first page, please insert the following section  
heading:

- -TECHNICAL FIELD- -

Between the first and second paragraphs on the first page, please insert the  
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- -BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION- -

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- -SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION- -

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